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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
West et al.)
Serial No. 09/653,406)
Filed: September 1, 2000)
For: Nitric Oxide-Producing Hydrogel)
Materials)

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 3, 2003, a three-month period of response to which expires on January 3, 2004, Saturday, with the next business day being January 5, 2004, applicants respectfully request amendment of the application as follows and reconsideration of the rejected claims based upon the following amendments and remarks.

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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on January 5, 2004.

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